



**QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

**Hybrid meeting: September 15, 2024
beginning at 2:00 PM PDT**

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
or attend via Zoom**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on
the third Sunday of the month at
2:00 p.m.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury
Episcopal Church
5306 E. Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA 90808
Between Bellflower Blvd. and
Clark next to Pan American
Park or via Zoom**

**Masks are recommended - if you're not feeling well or
have a cough, please join the meeting via Zoom.**

Our Guest Speaker is Christine Cohen
[Military Research: Using Fold3](#)

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Dues are \$30 per year
for an individual or
\$45 per year for a family.

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QHGS President's Message

Bob Prager



I missed the August Questing Heirs meeting – I was at a Family Name Society reunion in New York State on Lake Erie. My branch of the Risley family never made it to this part of New York – they stayed farther north and east – but I had lots of fun meeting distant Risley cousins and learning about how the Risleys contributed to the area.

This is the third incarnation of the Risley Family Association – it had many members at the beginning of the 20th century but disappeared, was resurrected around 1980 but gradually dwindled, and was re-resurrected in the 20 teens. Our next Reunion will be in 2026 in Hartford, where Richard Risley's name is on the Founders Monument commemorating the 1636 founding of the city. (Of course there were already Dutch there, but they weren't English so apparently didn't count...)

I looked at the handout from the meeting, and it brought back memories of the first time I was turned loose looking at and photographing property records (Canton, NY). Both Pat and I have ancestral ties to the area (although our ancestors were never there at the same time), and I couldn't believe how impermanent the boundary markers were – basing a property line on a cedar post set in the ground in the middle of a forest?

I'll be back in attendance at the September meeting. See you then!

Christine Cohen

Military Research: Using [www.Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)



The website [https://www.fold3.com/](https://www.fold3.com), in a partnership with the National Archives, provides a wealth of military resources and documents from the Revolutionary War of 1776, the War of 1812, Mexican American and early Indian Wars, Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Christine is a long time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) and is currently the Program Director. In addition to WAGS, she is also a member of the El Redondo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Her interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series "Roots". Her enthusiasm was piqued when she was given a typed pedigree chart, commissioned by her maternal grandfather, of her Dutch heritage from the New Netherlands in the 1650s. Christine is a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political Science and has recently retired to pursue her genealogy interest full time.

Thank you, Western Shores Chapter DAR for gifting us a very generous donation so we may continue to present a diverse group of speakers.

September Historical Moments

1901 - 25th President William McKinley is assassinated.

2001 - 9/11 attacks on World Trade Center in NYC and Pentagon

Registration for **RootsTech 2025** opens on September 25! www.RootsTech.org

MyHeritage has acquired MesAieux.com, a popular family history service that specializes in French Canadian genealogy.

2024 Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars
Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>
to register for these and other monthly free live webinars

The Real Life of New England Vital Records

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-real-life-of-new-england-vital-records/>

Diane MacLean Boumenot, CG - Friday, September 20, 2024: 07:15 AM PDT **(Early Bird webinar!)**

What are the secrets to finding New England vital records today? If you understand how they were made, and all the things that have happened to them since, you will bring new skills and insight to your vital records research. Develop some strategies for those times when the record cannot be found.

Buried in the Federal Records Center: Uncovering XC Pension Files

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/buried-in-the-federal-records-center-uncovering-xc-pension-files/>

Alec Ferretti - Wednesday, September 25, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

This talk will discuss how to obtain deceased 20th century veterans' claims files, of which 1.1 million boxes are languishing in warehouses around the U.S.

If the link doesn't work, copy and paste into your browser.

Upcoming Questing Heirs Presentations:

November 17, 2024 - Getting Around the Fire at the Military Records Center



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